



# WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational

2948 14<sup>TH</sup> Lane Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965

Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

Find us at: [whitecreekchurch.org](http://whitecreekchurch.org)

December 15, 2024

## Welcome to Worship

NOTE: We will begin the service at 10:30. Meet and greet will be at 10:20 and after the service. Thank you.

### Announcements

Hymn #85 "There's A Song In The Air"

Devotion

Hymn #79 "Tell Me The Old, Old Story"

Offering

Doxology - Inside front cover of hymnbook

Special Music

Testimonies/Prayer Requests

Memory Verses

Message

Hymn #215 I Love To Tell The Story"

Prayer

## CALENDAR

Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.  
Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays: Ladies' Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.  
Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams

Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church - 5:30 PM  
Wednesday, Dec 18th - Community Chorus Concert and  
Christmas Music Sing-A-Long - 6 P.M. @ Adams Theater  
December 19<sup>th</sup> - Country Christmas Jam - 1 PM to 3 PM  
Adams Community Center

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - Turkey Distribution Day @ White Creek - NOON  
Each attending family will get 1 turkey

Tuesday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 P.M.

Feb 22, 2025 - Ladies One Heart Seminar - Save the date!

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will be in session again this Tuesday at 10 AM. Please make plans to join the ladies when they resume the Bible Study.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying in the Gospel of Matthew. We encourage all men of the Church to join us for the fellowship, as we grow in faith and the knowledge of the Lord.

### CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long at the Adams Theater at 6 PM. Please come and help us do some caroling!

## CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey - 608-547-8198 - leave msg  
 Clerk: Pam Morse  
 Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear  
 Deacons: Martin Sytsma  
 Stuart Burdick Moderator  
 Trustees: Larry Smith  
 Skip Collins  
 David Seelenbinder  
 Missions Director:  
 Beverly Downey  
 Other Officers :  
 Custodian - Meryl Lanphear  
 Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

### CONSIDER THIS

We want to look at a comparison of Joy and Happiness from a Biblical perspective.

Attribute	Joy
Definition	Deep, soul-level contentment
Source	Relationship with God, Holy Spirit
Duration	Enduring, even in trials
Biblical Examples	Job's faith in God, Paul's contentment
Characteristics	Unconditional, communal, fruitful
Attribute	Happiness
Definition	Fleeting, circumstantial pleasure
Source	External circumstances, material possessions
Duration	Temporary, changes with situations
Biblical Examples	Momentary pleasure, euphoria
Characteristics	Conditional, individual, fleeting

It has been said that happiness is the reaction to something great happening to you, while joy is produced by someone great in you. Happiness can be a feeling we have in response to an object or event which affects our lives positively, while joy is a much deeper emotion which is linked in us with love. There are so many different angles to joy, that the Old Testament of the Bible uses many, many Hebrew words to describe the various nuances of joy.

Probably the best description of joy is that it is considered a Fruit of the Spirit, and comes from within the Christian, in response to external influences, happiness, on the other hand, is generated by outward stimuli which excite our inner faculties in a positive way. The source of happiness and joy are different, and affect us differently.

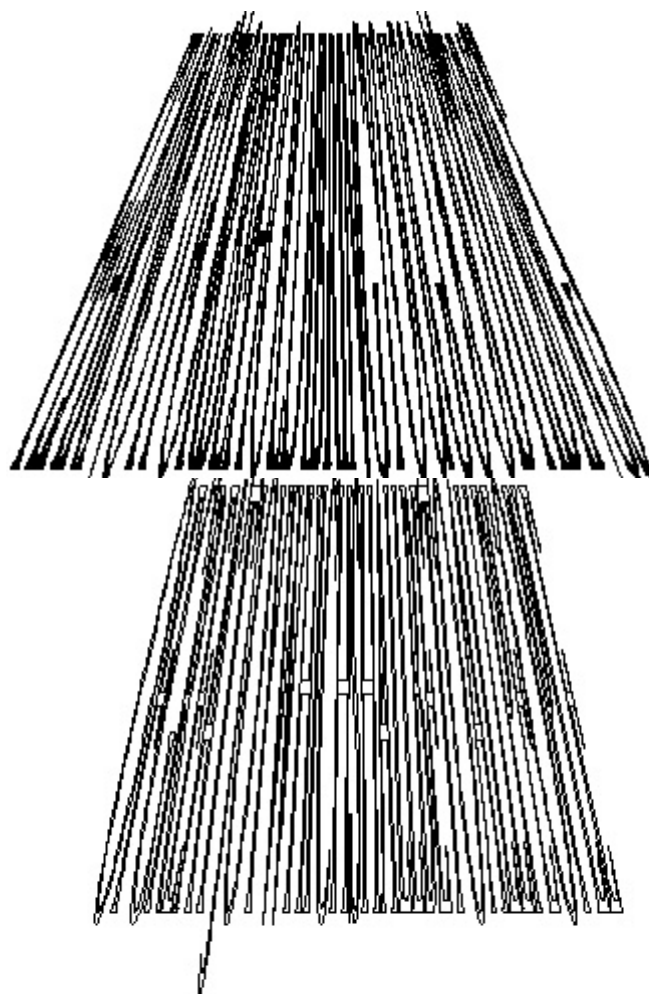
Pastor *Sam*

### December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pat Townsend 2	Martin and Anna Sytsma 12
Chelle Sytsma 3	
Herb Babcock 15	Travis & Michelle Clausen 14
Ava Clausen 16	
Michael Smith 20	Sam & Beverly Downey 23
Gary Bacon 30	
Remi Clausen 31	

Please notify us of additions or changes. Thank You!

## THE PUZZLE PLACE



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Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)